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JULY REPORT OF THE H. B. A. BOARD OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

The H. B. A. Board of the Third District met at Theadsville, Miss., Lodge No. 103, Mr. N. A. Ford, President. Mr. Ford is one of our real active men and whenever he speaks he is heard. Rev. C. L. Pringle is a live agent in that section and he is bringing things to pass. Pringle, the "blue string," is able to take care of the situation.

Rev. Pringle, together with Rev. Martin and the members of 103, rendered an excellent program for the benefit of the visitors and friends. The solo by Rev. Martin was good. Miss Sadie Slay read a welcome address which made all present feel good. The General Secretary responded to the address.

We are always glad to go to such places as Theadsville. Two death claims were paid, which amounted to $243.39 each, and since that time we have received more than $40.00 which will enable us to pay nearly $270.00 in No. 3.

After motoring to Theadsville on the 3rd, July 4th finds us on our way to Electric Mills, about 40 miles up the M. & O. Railroad. All cars from Meridian seemed to have been headed toward Electric Mills. This being the 4th, No. 98, with Rev. M. Page, President, tried herself. She pulled it off real strong. We first thought 103 had the banner, but 98, being in a real nest of H. B. A's., just got away. Of course the H. B. A. is older in this section and it had the advantage of the 4th; that is one reason why 98 leads 103. If 98 expects to continue to lead she had better double-time and forward march.

On July 5th we were at the old historic spot, Newhope, No. 4, near [illegible] Miss., with Brother J. J. [illegible] President. Those of us who know No. 4 know she always brings things to pass. No. 4 has never failed to make it pleasant for the Board.

Miss Etha Portis delivered the welcome address which was a masterpiece. It was the request of the Board that the General Secretary respond to the welcome address.

On the 6th of July we met in Meridian at Sherrod's Hall and paid off sixteen legal representatives with the exception of one amount that was turned to the treasurer for further consideration. Those who were recipients of this great H. B. A. collection were made to feel glad when the amount of $232.24 was turned over to them. A collection of $1.80 was taken for a sick man of the Newhope section. He was not an H. B. A., but the spirit of the H. B. A. is to help the needy.

The amount paid to each representative was $232.24, plus $243.39 to two in the lower district. The amounts raised in the past Board were as follows:

Bond	$ 125.00
Back Death Claims, dues and inter fee	293.55
Dues	550.00
Present Death Claims	3,715.84
Donation	1.80
Grand Total raised on all Claims	$4,686.19

The Grand Total raised in the April Board was about $4,900.00, making a total of about $9,586.19, that the general body has collected from our people this year. If we only had the figures of the local lodges you would really be surprised to know how much money has been handled by this H. B. A. family composed of more than five thousand children. It is a grand thing to be a member of this family.

Where is the man or woman who says the H. B. A. is not doing business? Some of us don't know what business is. I have seen grown men with whiskers on their faces who thought buying candy and peanuts was business, especially if they carried half of the candy and a dozen peanuts home to wife.

The H. B. A. is doing a creditable business and it will do a more respectable business if we will stop at the next station and put off that fellow who wants to ride all the time for nothing. Some continue to ride and yet they claim they don't like it. I drink soda water because I like it, it is cool and refreshing, but if it makes me sick every time I drink it I should stop drinking. If I complain of the ill effects of the drink but keep on drinking, I am just trying to deceive you. Please take a hint.

The financial drive at Goodhope on the Second Sunday in July was good. The amount raised was $55.52. Rev. W. M. Watkins is making ready for his District Conference, which will be held at Collins, Miss., Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in July.

Brother W. C. McCowd, the hustling president of No. 57, has got a new wife. Who is next?

Rev. M. S. Knott of No. 20 is striking the key note; he carried Mrs.—? to the Home Mission Convention which was held at Topton, Miss., at Galilee Baptist church. Rev. Will Lue is the successful pastor of Galilee.

On the account of the political campaign now on the Insurance Commissioner will audit books of the H. B. A. at a later date.

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NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS AND FRIENDS

We want all Presidents especially to bring at least five new subscribers for The Echo to the Convention. The paper cannot and will not be a success unless we can get the cooperation of the Presidents and friends. I don't mean to say every man must be in accord with this movement, for it is necessary that some one be against us in order to make us hard and stable. Stumbling blocks are only stepping stones to success.

We collected $9.00 worth of cash subscriptions at Theadsville, $9.50 at Electric Mills and $10.00 at Toomsuba. The first issue is just out but I sounded my money bell and the people gave me $28.50.

The President who brings the highest number over five yearly subscribers gets a cash prize of $1.50. Help your President to win.

Rev. I. C. Harper of Hattiesburg also President of H. B. A. No. 102, together with President Otis of No. 62 and McNair of No. 57, motored to Theadsville for the Board. Rev. Harper drives his own train and hauls his own passengers.

A grand time was had at Fairview Baptist Church on the second Sunday in July. Rev. B. J. Petterson preached a soul-stirring sermon. Rev. Petterson is loved by his members and friends.

How is it some men can drive with one hand on the lines and the other on the back of the buggy, especially when they are accompanied by ladies?

NOTICE TO READERS

As you know, this is the first issue of The Echo. It is not what it should be nor is it what we desire, but it is a beginning. Now is the time for somebody who desires to start at the beginning and build up to fall in line. Most men want big jobs but they like to wait until some man dies, so to speak, for the cause and as soon as the "gravy" begins to get thick they are ready to "sop."

Do you know that Meridian is the largest town in Mississippi? Do you know we do not have a negro periodical published in Meridian? It is time for us to move up. I have heard some people say they cannot get their work published in the white papers. Well, if that be true, let us not criticise too much, but let us start something of our own. Of course we are readers of the white papers. We cannot get along well without them, neither can they get along well without us and I do believe we should have more consideration than we now have. I hope the Southern white man will soon realize the worth of the Negro to the South. I do not mean I want him to realize our worth as a laborer or a field hand, for he already knows our worth along those lines. I want him to see us as real constructive leaders, desiring to share in all the happiness and pleasures of this country. We want him to see us as being against the wrong and for the right at all times. Right is right, it matters not who does it and wrong is wrong, it matters not who commits the act. All men should do right because it is right to do right.

It is true that all men, races and peoples are to some extent dependent upon the other, but I fear we as a race, are too much dependent upon the other race.

The thing that you can do for yourself, do it for yourself and ask no man to do it for you. God does for man the things which man himself cannot do.

There are handicaps too numerous to be mentioned that the Negro must confront and they come from every direction, but, my friends, we are also handicaps to ourselves. We cannot go forward if some one holds us back and at the same time we are pulling ourselves back.

Friends, let us be honest, upright and truthful. Let us be economical and industrious, and above all, let us EDUCATE our children and SAVE our money. I shall not mention religion for we are brim full, but remember, religion (Christian) will make any man pay his honest debts.

Rev. F. W. Rodges, the energetic pastor of the Lauderdale Circuit, is bringing things to pass. The corner stone was laid a few Sundays ago at East Pleasant Grove. A new edifice has been constructed which reflects great credit upon Rev. Rodges and his good members and friends. We are told that he is about to do likewise at Shiloh.

The K. of P's. held their 22nd annual session at St. Paul M. E. church in Meridian a few days past. Mr. John W. Harris was reelected to his honorable position. Dr. J. B. E. Shaw delivered a grand address during the session, his thoughts were plain and practical, just the kind that our people need.

Jackson, Miss., July 3, 1923—Twenty-five persons applied for pharmacist licenses. Of this number one was colored, Dr. L. J. King of Laurel, Miss., now with Laurel Drug Store, Laurel, Miss. Mr. King passed with high marks.

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HE H. B. A. GROWING?

is the answer to the above question? Many have answered; was the answer correct?

Fourteen years ago Rev. E. F. Young was elected General President of the H. B. A., with four lodges trying to live. There were thirty-three members that composed the whole association, including all general officers. Today the membership is about e thousand. Is that progress? out seven years later the writer s elected General Secretary to carout the unexpired term of Rev. R. Ramsey. At that time we had but forty lodges with about one usand members. Today we are but five thousand strong. Is that progress? In fourteen years we have gained more than four thousand members, a growth of more than three undred and fifty each year. Notthstanding our losses in deaths ich my book shows from July 1st, 16 to the present time, more than o hundred and eighty.

s the H. B. A. progressing? I not answer this question, but I leave it open for the reader to as to whether we are progressnot. I am unable to say how General President, Rev. G. iams and the General Treasrother I. M. Martin, have been ork for the H. B. A., but this has been working hard together od while without a hitch.

The members and friends of New- Chapel C. M. E. church were glad have its founder, Rev. C. M. New- , to preach for them Thursday ght, July 12th, his sermon was high- enjoyed.

The following deaths have occurred ce the last report was sent out: Lena Gather of No. 51; Willie L. iplett of No. 136, and Jimmie ooks of No. 91. Other deaths have urred but I have not been offiotified.

R. L. YOUNG, Gen. Sec'y.

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ev. D. H. Watson is a stirring t, but Rev. C. L. Pringle, the e String," is making him move.

LOOK AND LISTEN!

Haven Chapel M. E. Church, Meridian, is in the midst of a great Rally, coming off the fifth Sunday in July. This great battle is being led by Captains Reed and Chatman. Mrs. Bertha Chatman is the meek but great General for the men and they say with her as captain they can know no defeat.

Mr. Robert Reed, the master leader for the women, says the victory is his now. Each of them is noted for his great skill. Therefore, we are looking for a mighty battle July 29, 1923.

Come one, come all, and see the manful struggle.

J. D. WHEATON, Pastor.

Mrs. Hattie Hicks, President of H. B. A. No. 36 and Juvenile Guide of No. 1, is bringing things to pass. She has about twenty children under her supervision and about $12.00 in their treasury.

Rev. S. E. Gibson and his good members are bringing things to pass in Meridian. He raised more than $500.00 a few Sundays ago in a financial drive. He is now in the new parsonage.

The General President asks that all local Presidents who can, be with him and Rev. F. W. Rodges on the fifth Sunday at Shiloh, just a short distance from Lauderdale, to please do so. A big time is expected.

When the paper is well on its way we want to give a special column for church announcements, social news and other notes of interest.

Rev. A. B. Britton, Miss Bertha Bates, Rev. P. A. Taylor and Mr. A. Buckley attended the District Convention at Heidelberg, Miss., on the 12th and 13th Inst.

Miss Drucilla Brown and Mr. Benton of Quitman, Miss., were married on the 15th inst. Both are of good families and we hope for them the best of success.

H. B. A. CONVENTION

The H. B. A. Convention will convene at Goodhope No. 13, Tuesday and Wednesday after the fifth Sunday in July. Delegates will get off at Russell, Miss., and go two miles north to Goodhope.

It is better to get off at Meridian. There will be cars to take you out to Goodhope at a reasonable price.

Enterprise Dots

The Grand Council of the C. & F. A. Society held at Zionhill church was a success in every respect.

Mr. Ed Clark, an old citizen, died on the 11th inst. He leaves a large family and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Mr. Lindsay has offered a very fine suggestion: The organization of a Young Men's Business Association in the city of Meridian. All business men are asked to get ready and let us organize such a league. We are greatly in need of such an organization.

This is the time of the year wh most men spend all day getting average morning's work out of the way.

A man who will not pay his church claims has no business in the H. B. A.

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Summer

Summer!
Whew! Gosh!
Gee Whiz!
This Summer weather
Us folks somewhat Bothers;
There's no Air;
Ice is Scarce;
Because the Sun is Hottest.
But—Oh, Boy!
What a Joy
When a Friend calls
In an Auto filled with Gas and Oil
And Says to You
And the Missus, too,
"Come, Take a Spin
For an Hour of Two."
Summer is Grand then
And Life becomes a Dream.
Auto rides make Cheerful
All Men and Women.
Summer then Loses its Torrid sting,
And, Gosh! It's Not as Hot as it Seems.
Shucks!
Nature is Cheerful in Summer;
The Sun Beams with a Smile;
he Moon becomes Clear and Mellow
nd Bright Stars Twinkle in the Sky.
e Swimming Pool is the Haven
r the Bathers who Laugh at the Heat;
Lakes, Rivers and Creeks are the Heaven
Of Enthusiasts of the Rod and the Reel.
To Lovers, Oh, what Is the Summer's Heat,
When Two Hearts in Unison beat?
'Tis the Motor of Life filled with the Gas
hat makes Dreams come True to the Lad and Lass.
hucks!
—J. Stephen Agenor, in Defender.

He Saw the Fight

It cost Mayor Jim Johnson of Shelby $150,000 to watch the Dempsey-Gibbons encounter. This establishes a new record price for one pine seat filled with splinters.

We have heard that love is blind. If it was a little deaf and dumb, one wouldn't hear of so many breach of promise suits.

—The Pirate, in Defender.

Dreams of Childood

Out of the past comes a longing,
Comes a longing for something in vain.
To memory comes faintly a dawning,
Comes a dawning in vein not plain.
Slowly it brightens and quickly within,
The heart with rapture is gladden;
Suddenly it fades, as the vision grows dim—
The heart with longings is sadden.
Then again comes a flash, the vision returns,
Momentarily with memory to cling.
Again comes a gleam of sight memory yearns
And distinctly a remembrance bring;
Days from which a life must wander,
Across plains, up hill, and thru woods,
Days of the great and glorious back yonder,
The days of your own childhood.
In the quietness of that once more you repeat
And your childhood days attend.
Your shoes are banished for bare feet
And you mentally live them again.
In your dream cares are shift from self to mother,
In fun you romp and play,
And as you wake how sad to find other
Than dreams of your childhood day.
—W. Howe Farrior, in Defender.

Remembering Him

"Maggie O'Brownie, name o' a pomade."

"Yes, Flipper."

"Lovest thou me?"

"Circumstantial evidence proves that I must, Flipper."

"Think o' me often, brown spot o' gladness?"

"Day and night, Flipper."

"Didst think o' me while I was in No Man's Land, browniful one?"

"Often, Flipper."

"How often?"

"Ev'ry time, Flipper, that some nice li'l boy kissed me I would think o' thee."

—BenGoodlough, in Defender.

Jess Dunson Says—

It is getting very difficult a woman's age.

The women won't tell it and the men can't.

You can judge a horse's age by looking at his teeth, but you can't judge a woman's the same way.

Because very often the wo don't always have their teeth w them.

They get careless, forget them a leave them home on the piano.

There are a lot of middle-a women running around the coun that won't even vote.

They want everybody to beli that they are not old enough yet.

One woman went to the city hall to get her birth certificate, but the clerk had a hard time to find it.

Everybody else's was on top o hers.

When he did find it, it was so d lapidated that no one could read i

He had to make out a new one.

It is peculiar how a woman can member her birthday, in spite of fact that she always forgets he

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Clever Young Dude — "' Billy Tucker."

—Fay, in Defend

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egro Personnel for Tuskegee Decided On

x Negro Doctors Ordered to Veterans' Hospital

BUT ARE AFRAID TO GO

irector Hines Says Hospital Will Be Placed in Charge of Negro Later, But Negro Doctors Want Full Charge Now.

(By the Associated Press)

Washington, Aug. 15.—After several conferences with white citizens of Tuskegee, Ala., who have protested against the installation of negro personnel at the Veterans' Hospital there Director Hines of the Veterans' bureau, has selected six negro physicians for duty in the institution and expects them to leave for their posts within the next week or ten days.

The present white cammanding officer will remain for the time being, Mr. Hines said today that the l policy of installing a com- negro personnel had not been d.

ector Hines would not indicate a new commanding officer ld be selected.

here are 100 negro patients at the tution. Most of the white physi- s there will remain for the pres- but it was indicated that they dually would be replaced.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The row r the racial control of the Tuske- Ala., hospital for negro ex-ser- e men flared up again today with announcement by Director Frank Hines of the veterans' bureau that will order six negro doctors to skegee as quickly as the notifica- ns can be issue This will be ne with the conse of the Tuskegee s, their committee, which came ton recently, having wired f the plan.

, however, were thrown ar by the announcement. he service of the black physicians at least for the present under white specialists and a white commanding officer, Col. Robert H. Stanley, whose dismissal the negroes requested because of alleged failure to protect subordinates against the Ku Klux Klan.

Gen. Hines' announcement included the statement that the negro doctors have been selected after careful investigation of their qualifications and after consultation with the negro medical society. Michel O. Dumas, M. D., who represented the negro society in conferences at the bureau, will inform Gen. Hines tomorrow the society's recommendation is withdrawn in case of each doctor ordered to Tuskegee unless the order implies service immediately under a negro commanding officer.

Negroes declared no negro physician will go to Alabama under present conditions. The hospital experiment, they asserted, is on the verge of a failure. Negro patients of the veterans' bureau are anxious to be cared for elsewhere and those already at the institution have petitioned for a change in administration, according to local negro leaders.

Shelby J. Davidson, Washington spokesman for the negro association, said President Coolidge gave an assurance of protection from the Ku Klux Klan or that the hospital should be dismantled and moved to the north.

Editor of the Echo:

Please allow space in the columns of your paper that the many readers may hear from this part of the H. B. A. field.

The faithful president, J. M. Thompson, and members of Lodge No. 23 wish to say that we are getting along fine financially and morally. The president has the people's interest at heart. As time goes on and the H. B. A. becomes older we believe that the entire community will become H. B. A.'s, because the same is bringing life and health to many who would otherwise be gone on to meet to part no more.

We wish to say that we are happy to have the General President re-elected to serve us another term. We feel and judge from his past administration that he is the man for us and will still keep us in the right path. His motto seems to be, "Hew to the line, let the chip fall wherever it may."

EFFIE L. REESE, Reporter,
Bassfield, Miss.

NOTICE TO H. B. A. PRESIDENTS

Friends, in our communities a large number of old people have worn themselves out toiling and praying that our race might reach greater heights. Today the insurance companies will not have them and the H. B. A. cannot afford to take them into her care, I do believe that we should have some way by which we can take care of our old mothers and fathers, those persons who have made it possible for us should not be forgotten. We should not throw these old people away just because they are too old to become members of the H. B. A. I am now trying to work out plans by which we may be able to take care of our mothers and fathers.

What good son or daughter would throw his or her old father or mother away just because that parent is old? We are young today but tomorrow finds us on the threshold of old age, therefore let us do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Friends, get your hearts right and let's take care of our old and worn-out heroes.

Yours for the cause,
R. L. YOUNG.

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EDITORIAL

The death of our late president, Warren G. Harding, was quite a shock and surprise to the American people—not only to our people, but to the world at large.

The useful life of this great man was ended at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Thursday night, August 2nd. The press, together with the tongues of men, will not be able to express the grief that was caused by the death of this sane and safe leader.

One of America's greatest sons and statesmen fell when our chief's life was ended. It is known to the world that a man who takes the leadership of a nation at a time when the whole world is upset has a great responsibility upon him. All men were restless at the time of his election and the burdens of his country have ever rested heavily upon him since his election.

All of us mourn and regret very much that we have lost such a character as President Harding.

The Editor, together with Mr. Robert Wilson, motored to Memphis, Tenn., August 4th. They went by the way of Jackson, Miss. They had a short but pleasant stay at Jackson college. Miss F. O. Alexander, who was one of the teachers at Haven Institute during the six weeks normal at Meridian, is now teaching at Jackson. Miss Alexander made it very pleasant for us while there. We left Jackson at 7:30 A. M. and reached Memphis about 7:00 P. M., a trip of about 256 miles.

The pleasant hours spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. King shall never be forgotten. Mr. and Mrs. King are blessed with four children and one of the most beautiful homes on one of the main speedways in Memphis.

We were proud to visit the office of the Mississippi Life Insurance Co. and find some of our best talented young men and women taking care of the situation. Miss Estella Otis, of Carson, Miss., is a member of the home office staff. It was our good pleasure to meet Mrs. Gibs, Mrs. Cox, Mr. Burnett, Miss Carr and a number of others that we could mention. It was also a pleasure to drive over in Arkansas while in Memphis.

It was our privilege to view the Mississippi Delta, a place where people farm. It was a bit painful to see large bells at the big house that gave a signal for our people to rise, but we certainly did see them.

The Meridian District Conference held at Collins, Miss, about the last of July, was quite a success. Dr. H. B. Leach is a live wire. He is always on the job. The meeting was a success spiritually and financially. Our good Bishop John W. McKinney was with us and his presence meant much to the success of our meeting.

The Editor spent Saturday night, August 12th, at the home of Rev. G. W. Arnold, Bay Springs, Miss. Our stay was a pleasant one.

Mrs. Silvia Ellis, the mother of Brother John Ellis of Ted, Miss., has celebrated her (127) one hundred and twenty-seventh birthday. The reunion of all her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, friends, etc., took place on the 28th of July. A grand time was had. A plenty of cream, cakes, money and other contributions were given, all of which made this old woman who was born in 1796, feel proud.

The colored people in the community of brother Ellis own about four thousand acres of land.

THE PEOPLE GOT WHAT THEY WANTE

To the General President, member and friends:

I take pleasure in thanking you fo the confidence that you had in m so much so that you reelected me the office of which I now hold. also thank those who opposed m Some of them tried to put themselve on the people, but the people kne what they wanted and they got i It was useless to kick up so muc dust, if you want to be seen just go to work and you will be seen. The people know "good stuff" when they see it; I mean by this expression, they know good men when they see them. They have tried me for fourteen years and they should know me by now. They seem to know brass from gold.

Some of the people wanted to know if I was running for my office. My answer was, "I am not an office seeker, I let the office seek me." I told them if they wanted the office not to run me, for if they put I would be sure to win. For thirteen years I have never ask one vote.

I joined the H. B. A. thirt years ago and I have been wi until now. When the H. B. A. w down I went down with it and w she was brought back to life I with her; I was a Jacob.

Eighteen years ago I was ele president of H. B. A. No. 1 an have held that office until now served two years as general v president. On the 9th day of A fifteen years ago, the order with W. T. Gordon, general pr dent, and on the 9th day of A fourteen years ago, I called a of my members together and breat into it the "breath of life," t she became a living soul, in ot words, a living order. At that t the Rev. E. F. Young and I elected to the offices th hold. We have tried our duties and I am n the record that we have an easy matter to gain

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it is a hard job to win your emies.

The order is in a prosperous condition, our biggest trouble is with ese office seekers, some of them are crooked that a blind man would t follow them. Some of the rothers sure did act bad at the Convention. All of us cannot be leaders, ome one must follow. The man who vill not follow is not fit to lead. Some f our hearts are not right; if the heart is right we see things in a different light. I heard some say if heir men were not elected they were oing to tear the H. B. A. up. Those en's hearts are wrong. When we ink of the thousands of dollars that e put into the hands of our poor we cannot help but feel to our God for the prosondition of the H. B. A, ours in the H. B. A.,

I. M. MARTIN, Treas.,
Vimville, Miss.

John S. Beal, a well-known cit f Meridian, has spent several touring the west, east, north outh. Some of the places visere, California, Colorado, Chi St. Louis, New York, Detroit, anooga, Birmingham, etc. His friends are glad to see him in the city.

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E. F. YOUNG, JR

I wish to take this opportunity to thank my friends for reelecting me as your General Secretary of the H. B. A. I believe you have the confidence and the belief that I will take care of your interest. I had no dreams of losing the position and the proof of that was shown in that I did not let the people know that I was in the race until the last day of the election.

My opponents had been working and canvassing for more than three or six months Their friends struggled hard for them and I must congratulate all of them for their great but feeble efforts.

Some of my friends told me that I was too quiet, but I had them to understand that deep water makes little noise. It is the little stream that keeps the fuss.

If it had been necessary to have started earlier I could and would have done so. I knew I could kill that little bird in forty minutes, therefore I started my campaign just a few minutes before election.

A large number of my friends had to leave for home because of the long delay by some of the filibusters and yet the loss of those votes did not hurt me whatever.

We had some bad working material from some of the lodges. I know that was not the best they could do. They just forgot and sent us the worst. Some of the men were actually the sorriest things to be called men with families I ever saw.

I assure you that I shall do my best to give strength to the Association for these next four years. I shall not do much talking but my work will tell the story.

R. L. YOUNG, General Sec'y.,
Box 1043, Meridian, Miss.

Dr. C. S. Watters of Laurel, Miss., spent his three weeks vacation in Chicago, Indiana, Canada and a number of other points. The family was always pleased to receive the newsy and interesting letters from "Dad." He was homesick once or twice but the good wife would send such newsy letters to "Dad" that he forgot he was homesick.

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The quarterly conference of the Zionell Circuit convened August the fourth with Rev. T. J. Sanders, Sr., presiding. The Jackson District feels proud to have as its leader a man such as Dr. Sanders. The religious service was good. Some of our leaders and stewards were present with good reports.

Sunday was a high day. Some of the brethren thought the quarter would detract from our revival, but not so. The elder and preacher were cared for without a hitch. People came in buggies, wagons, cars, etc., from far and near to witness the great meeting. At 11:30 o'clock Rev. Sanders began preaching and our hearts rejoiced while the man of God talked to us. We closed our meeting on Thursday with 14 additions and $105.28 in cash.

Zionell is pleased to have such strong men as her leaders. This church carries a large number of young folks and they are of great service to the church. Our good women should be praised for their faithful service.

We are planning to put on a big drive for the first Sunday in October. Just keep your eyes on Zionell.

E. F. YOUNG, P. C.

Dr. L. J. King of Laurel always meets his friends with a smile. You will find Dr. King at the Laurel Drug Store. Dr. King is found at the drug store rather late and this is somewhat a handicap to him when parties are given. In his response to an invitation Thursday evening he said, "Yes mam, it will be after ten but I am coming."

has been truly said that great deeds and examples inspire us to noble actions. We see what has been accomplished in the H. B. A. with Rev. F. Young, our general president, leader. Rev. Young is doing work for the uplift of his We shall ever feel grateful to the useful service he is ren-

Young is always ready and to give good advice and help who need help. He is ever with a smile and at all times he can cause others to smile.

Some people cannot bear to be crossed, they do not have much patience, they are off the handle most of the time, they make a big fuss, they are similar to that of an empty wagon. Rev. Young seems to be satisfied at all times, thereby not letting little things worry him. One thing I admire about him, he is a man of hard common sense. We have found him to be honest, truthful and one who can be depended upon. Hats off to Young who has taken care of the Association for these years while the rest of us, some at least, have been doing our best to tear it up.

What think ye of this our own general secretary, Rev. R. L. Young? We should feel proud of this young man who has served his people so faithfully. As a young man his equal is not to be found. May God bless all of us.

Yours in the H. B. A.,
THE WATCHMAN.

Dr. J. B. F. Shaw, president of Haven Institute and Conservatory of Music, together with his family, spent a few weeks out of the city. A part of the time was spent on the coast. He and his family always enjoy motoring through the country after a hard years work in school.

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Allice Allen, No. 138.
Jack Cowans, No. 19.
Willie May Robinson, No. 19.

R. L. YOUNG, Gen. Sec'y.,
P. O. Box 1043,
Meridian, Miss.

Miss L. B. Robinson, the matron of Haven Institute and Conservatory of Music, is spending her vacation at home with her relatives and friends in Birmingham, Ala. We wonder how long is she going to visit.

Mrs. Lula Lax of Chicago visited her people, Mrs. Bell Hines and family, a few weeks ago. She has returned to Chicago.

Mr. C. S. Watters, Jr., always has a smile for the ladies. This characteristic makes him somewhat popular. Mr. Watters is planning to reenter Haven in a few weeks. He will be a member of the Senior Class.

Rev. R. L. Young visited one of the churches that was assigned to him at the last District Conference. Rev. N. A. Jones, Bro. W. R. Lewis, Mr. Slyvester Windom and families made it very pleasant for their new pastor. They have planned for a rally on the second Sunday in September. Fifty ($50.00) dollars is the watchword.

Mr. C. L. Stinnis, the hustling president of H. B. A. No. 129, is on the job. He has a loyal set of members. He and his wife visit the country very often. Mr. William B. Cole of Chicago is spending his vacation in the South. He was the guest of Mr. Stinnis and family.

It was our good pleasure to meet Mr. D. H. Hair of Laurel, Miss., while waiting for our train a few nights ago. Mr. Hair is a business young man. He is now engaged in real estate, rentals and insurance business.

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Miss Addie McGowan of Bessem Ala., visited her father, Prof. Buckley, and her friends at Ente prise, Miss., a few days ago.

The wedding bells are still ringin Mr. J. Green comes next.

The general agent, Prof. A. Buck ley, is making a tour of Jasper an Smith counties for the benefit of th H. B. A.

Prof. A. Buckley has organized lodge at Stringer; Rev. J. McCree its president. He has also organize one south of Bay Springs with M C. H. Moody president. Buckley is on the job. Buc also organized a lodge Springs with Rev. G. W. Arn ident, one at Ellsiville with C. Curry president. He also on foot at Ted, Miss.

Brother B. J. McWilliams a berton, Miss., is the right man right place. He is pushing his to the front.

We are invited to attend h niversary on the 4th Sunday. want a thing done right let B. it. A. BUCKLEY, Ag

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AN H. B. A. BUILDING IS WHAT WE NEED

The time is now ripe for an H. B. A. building in Meridian. One of the things that Mr. A L. Smith and others have advocated for a long while. The General President has been a strong advocator for this cause but we are yet to begin.

Why can't four or five thousand men and women purchase a building for a few thousand dollars and let it be called "ours"? Have you really thought of what it would mean to us?

H. B. A. needs a press of its nd if we only had the build- place that could be called ours, ld put whatever we desired in uilding. We should at least ve some kind of an office. What you suppose I tell the people when y ask me where my office is? at would you tell them if they re to ask you? My friends, the H. B. A. is too big to be so cheap. There are times when it is necessary to be cheap, but the time has passed for the H. B. A's. to take long mourns when we mention a five or ten thousand dollar building. We have a large umber of men in the H. B. A. who re worth more than ten thousand $10,000) dollars. Well, why can't ve thousand of us purchase a little n thousand dollar building?

It appears as if our death roll for he coming quarter will be much ghter than it has been. Then why ot let us begin to plan for a building?

I am not in favor of levying a eavy assessment upon our people to e paid in a short while, no! no! I ctually oppose such. But I am in avor of buying a building and making the payments in a way that will nable us to take care of our folks. o man should agree to buy property and give his signature to a note when he knows it is too much and too hard for him to stand up to the contract. Then let us contract to buy a building or erect a building, and let it not be done to our own hurt. We do not want to lose one member, no not one, but we should devise some plans by which the Association can purchase a building. Each president should discuss this matter with his better thinking members and at the next Board we should go on record as having done somehting tangible.

Have you thought about what we do when we pay off in Meridian? We rent a hall and some times we are in the way of other lodges. Where do we go when the Insurance Commissioner comes to examine our books? We run around and try to find some place.

R. L. Y.

H. B. A. DEATH NOTICE

The following members have died since the last Board:

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Do you read your own paper or do you borrow your neighbors? Read and find out what the H. B. A. is doing. The H. B. A. handled more than twenty-five thousand ($25,000) dollars last year. The H. B. A. is purely a Negro organization, led and governed by its own people. The time has come for the Negroes of Mississippi to make a few more steps forward. Let the H. B. A. make the first.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Meridian District Conference convened at Pleasant Grove M. E. church, Toomsuba, Miss., with Dr. B. T. McEwen presiding. The devotional service conducted by Rev. W. P. Ward was good and inspiring. The Rev. McEwen read from the 13th Chapter of John and his comments upon the scripture were good. This was followed by the Holy Communion, after which the conference was organized.

The time had then arrived for service. Rev. J. D. Wheaton arose and preached from Luke 10th Chapter, 2nd verse.

After the sermon the following brethren were introduced:

Dr. G. W. Smith, Rev. N. W. Ross, Rev. W. L. Marshal, Dr. J. W. Shumpert, Prof. R. H. McAllister and Dr. M. T. J. Howard, all of whom made strong speeches. One of the main features of the conference was the number of strong sermons preached by the Revs. H. K. Roberts, F. L. Williams, B. J. Cooper, R. B. Anderson, A. L. Buchannon, E. A. Wilson, R. N. Jones, D. L. Morgan, J. D. Wheaton and Dr. B. T. McEwin.

Rev. B. F. Whitehead of the Baptist church delivered the welcome address.

The amount of $5,000.00 had been raised on the District.

REV. J. D. WHEATON,
Reporter.

A certain young man desired to ask a father for his daughter; the young man and the father of the girl were in a narrow path by themselves but when the young man was ready to ask for the girl he asked the old man to step out aside, he had a question to ask him.

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EDITORIAL

The Lauderdale County Negro Fair that is to convene October 24, 25, 26, 1923 at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair Grounds just one week after the Mississippi-Alabama Fair, is now in the minds of all the colored people and a large number of the whites. A special day for secret orders, one for farmers and business men and one for school children will be had. This is expected to be the biggest thing ever pulled off in Meridian by the colored people. We want at least fifty thousand people to attend this fair. We are going to run night and day just as the whites do.

We are to have our carnivals, races, music, in fact we are going to entertain the people. The white people are pledging us their support and we ask the cooperation of all the colored people in and out of the State of Mississippi.

Mrs. Lula Toler, County Demonstration Agent, is doing her best to make it the greatest of all. Prof. T. J. Harris, General Manager and R. L. Young, Secretary are putting forth every effort to make this fair a success. We have behind us a strong set of men who are as follows: Rev. E. F. Young, President of the fair; Mr. B. F. Sims, Vice-President; Mr. F. Berry, Business Manager and Mr. J. W. Smith, Treasurer.

We want the H. B. A's. to be present by the thousands. A great program is being planned and will be out soon.

I was asked to visit the M. E. Church the 5th Sunday in July and I had a splendid time. I found Miss Hugh acting superintendent, and she never leaves a stone unturned. She made a splendid talk in the Sunday School which was enjoyed by all. I could not leave without discussing the H. B. A. with her. I secured her subscription for The Echo.

On the second Sunday I was at Hickory, Miss., and attended Bethel church service. Revs. J. H. Solberry, H. Halsel, E. Berry and T. C. Curry were present. We had a grand time. The sermon by Rev. Halsel was grand.

After service a number of us visited the home of Mrs. Johnson. A nice dinner was planned and all of us enjoyed ourselves. In the afternoon I had a chance to introduce the H. B. A. to the people and they are carried away with the organization. I am to return at an early date and start the ball to rolling.

REV. D. H. WATSON, Agent.

A few days ago Rev. D. H. Watson, General Agent of the H. B. A., was called to New Hope church a few miles north of Enterprise, to install officers of a new lodge in that section. The people of this locality feel proud of the H. B. A. Brother Arthur Price is president of the lodge, No. 141.

On his return home, Rev. Watson found an invitation awaiting his return. It was from No. 48. No. 48 had her anniversary sermon on the 26th of August at Calvary Baptist church. Rev. Jim Colbert preached an interesting sermon. Mr. B. F. Rhodes is president of No. 48. The collection was $39.49. Rev. Watson has ordered badges for his lodge, No. 72.

After attending the convention, Rev. C. L. Pringle and wife spent a few days with relatives on 31st Ave. and 17th Street, meridian, Miss.

Rev. N. A. Jones and his two sons, J. H. and J. D., of Sylvarena, Miss., were at Turner's Chapel on the 4th Sunday. The members and friends had a plenty to eat on the grounds.

H. B. A. No. 33 had her annual sermon a few weeks ago at St. James church. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Lewis, pastor of St. James. We feel that it was one of the best sermons of its kind ever listened to. Our finance resulted in about $20.00 after all members had paid up, together with the aid of our visitors. I wish to say to the members and friends that No. 33 is moving on smoothly; our members are loyal and they seem to be in harmony with each other.

Mrs. D. H. Watson read a very interesting paper during our anniversary. Her subject was "Our Duty as H. B. A's." She clearly pointed out how necessary it is for all of us to be good, law-abiding citizens, not only to man, but to God. We should be loyal from every view point.

Mrs. Watson emphasized the necessity of loyalty in our homes and churches. We should not be kickers, but we should be workers. She made mention of the duties of officers of the H. B. A. It would have been well had a large number of friends been present for I am sure would have done them good.

Yours in the H. B. A.,
O. C. EASLEY, Pres.

Mrs. N. A. Jones and two of her children are visiting relatives in Collins, Miss.

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Editor of The Echo,
Dear Sir:

We are just tickled to death to have our paper, "The Echo," come to our homes. All of us give praise to you, Mr. Editor, for the wonderful work that you have begun. Efficiency in the lead is what we need as a race to prove our worthiness in the various walks of life. We wish for The Echo and all of its readers to note the fact that Theadsville, Miss., H. B. A. 123 is the birth place of The Echo and we have a motherly feeling for it, and we want it to continue, grow and reflect its voice all over the country.

May I say in connection with what has been said that Friday night, July 27th, our lodge had a call meeting, making ready for the Convention. In this meeting we passed certain resolutions that would mean much to the H. B. A. as a whole. We had only one person to vote against us.

We are proud of the "Blue String," Rev. C. L. Pringle. He is bringing things to pass. He lives in No. 3, the place where we paid about $270.00 death claims, the birth place of The Echo. Number one and two, what think ye of us? We just do things down here and if you don't believe it just come and see. Our lodge is progressing nicely and our crops are fairly good.

We must keep our eyes on Bros. Bolden, Moss, Donald, Evans and Ford. We are proud to see Brother [illegible] Gains and Sister Annie Slay, our [illegible]cient Secretary, up and stirring. [illegible]y have been indisposed for some [illegible]e.

[illegible]ur better class of young people, [illegible]cially the ladies, are taking an active part in the work of the H. B. A.

Young men, knock, we will hear you. Your future is bright and you are needed.

Mr. Editor, we are doing quite well and hope for you and all concerned the best of success.

Yours in the H. B. A.,
S. L. D., Reporter.

Little Abe Windom delights to go visiting but he never likes to go without his brother, Amer.

Mr. Tommy Young accidently cut his leg with an ax a few days ago. Dr. W. L. Smith of Meridian took seven stitches on the wounded leg.

Rev. R. L. Young was in Raleigh, Miss., on the 4th Sunday at one of his churches, Turner's Chapel. There was not standing room in the church. All of the people seem to have been anxious to hear the new pastor.

Dr. H. L. Brown of Hattiesburg is now on his vacation. He plans to visit St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Kentucky and other points before returning.

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The Editor met Mr. James Thigpen while in Laurel a few days ago and secured a subscription for The Echo. Mr. Thigpen is a local president of one of the H. B. A. lodges.

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Mrs. Abbie Anderson of Memphis, Tenn., is now visiting her people at Russell and Meridian. Mrs. Anderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderson. Mrs. Abbie Anderson was at one time Miss Abbie Anderson, and she married an Anderson, therefore her name has not been changed.

Mr. B. J. Russell and wife, Mrs. Ola (Durr) Russell, visited their old home and friends at Russell, Miss., a few days ago. They also visited the home of Mr. George Cole and wife. Mrs. Valonia Cole, of Meridian. Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Russell are sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are now living in Kansas City, Mo.

"Good morning, Sir."

"Good morning, friend."

"Will you please direct me to the office of the H. B. A?"

"Well, you go, go, go————."

H. B. A. No. 95 had a grand picnic a few days ago. The amount of $29.35 was raised. Hurrah for 95.

Mr. Rubin Smith, who is in the U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 91 at Tuskegee, Ala., visited his people a few days ago. Mr. Smith is doing well.

Mrs. Hattie Jones, Mrs. O. Catching, Mrs. D. H. Watson and a large number of relatives of Mrs. Mary Watson, were in the country a few Sundays ago at the family reunion. The relatives carried nice lunches and gifts to this old hero, Mrs. Mary Watson. Mrs. Watson (Mary) is the mother of Mrs. Hattie Jones. Her children feel proud of her. Mrs. Watson lives about seven miles from Meridian on the Bonita road. She has a number of children, they are: Andrew, Cirtis, Elijah and Richard Watson, Mrs. Carrie Griggs, Mrs. Cadelia Lyle and Mrs. Hattie Jones. Mrs .Watson is the wife of Tom Watson, known as "Uncle Tom" by the children of Meridian.

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Rev. N. A. Jones of Sylvarena, Miss., says they are going over the top on the second Sunday in September. They will have dinner at the church and three sermons will be preached that day.

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65 COLORED PEOPLE EMPLOYED BY COLORED BUSINESS MEN

It is a grand thing to be able to help yourself but it is still better when you are able to help yourself and others too.

Mr. G. R. Stinson, a merchant of Meridian, has four employees; Strayhorn & Berry, undertakers, have six; Bourdeaux Bros., undertakers, have four; Joe May, the merchant tailor, has fifteen. The Dixie Cafe, Mat High, proprietor, has ten; J. S. Beal Cafe, etc., has nineteen; M. W. Wilson, barber, has seven. These men are not only helping themselves, but they are helping others.

Watch the next issue for the business men.

THE GENERAL PRESIDENT VISITS QUITMAN LODGE

The H. B. A. stars are still shining and they are reflecting greatly upon our people. When we take a retrospective view of the past and see the great good that has been done we can only give praise to the order.

There are men and women who are willing to stand for the principles of the H. B. A. though they stand with sorrow in their hearts and tears in their eyes—they are willing to stand.

We hope our people will meet in the next Board realizing how necessary it is for us to have an H. B. A. building. Come with your minds ready to say "Yes, we need one and let's buy one."

I was called to Quitman on the second Sunday to preach an H. B. A. sermon. Brother Thos. Blakney is the president. He had things in good shape. I enjoyed myself very much. Mrs. C. L. Pringle was a pleasant visitor. We had a real feast. The membership was already about 40 and we took in only about 38 more. What think ye of that?

REV. E. F. YOUNG,
Gen. President.

ON TO MACON IN CARS

To the Presidents, Members and Friends:

We are planning to go to Macon in cars. We shall leave Meridian at 6 o'clock. Meet us at Strayhorn and Berry's. We will pick up passengers all the way to Macon. All persons who desire to go with us will please drop me a card in order that arrangements may be made for you. Let's have a regular H. B. A. parade. Let's take Macon by storm. Are you going to be in this number? Our rates are cheaper than the Railroad. If you desire to go with us, write me at once.

R. L. YOUNG, Box 1043.

ORDER YOUR BADGES NOW

All presidents and members who want badges are asked to bring the order or send it to the Board. We have a large number of orders now on hand and we are going to order a large number shortly after the Board. Please get your order in at once.

The Lauderdale County Negro Fair Catalogue, an excellent production, is now out. All persons who desire one may write Mrs. Toler or Rev. R. L. Young. Mrs. Toler is due much credit for the work that she has done in the compilation of our Catalogue. Prof. T. J. Harris also played an important part in collecting some material for its publication.

NOTICE OF THE H. B. A. BOARDS

The Board of No. 1 meets Tuesday, October 2, 1923 at Zion Hill No. 2, six miles east of Meridian on the Bonita road.

Please collect 12c dues and 60c death claims for the following persons: Lena Gather, No. 51; J. C. Carpenter, No. 59; Jimmie Brooks, No. 91; Fannie Thomas, No: 60; total 72c per member.

The Board of No. 2 meets Thursday, October 4th, 1923, eight miles from Macon, Miss.

Please collect 12c dues and 60c death claims for the following persons: Willie L. Triplett No.136; Jack Cowans, No. 19; Willie May Robinson, No. 19; Gracie Clark, No. 39; total, 72c per member.

The Board of No. 3 meets Monday, October 1, 1923 at Magee, Miss.

Please collect 12c dues and 25c death claims for Allice Allen, No. 138; total, 37c per member.

If any more deaths occur before the blanks are out I shall put them on. Each president is requested to collect 25c from his lodge and report same at the Board in order that your lodge report may come out in The Echo. You remember this was done when our work was being published in the Western Index. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

R. L. YOUNG, Sec'y.

JUVENILE BOARD

The Juvenile Board which was held at Rose Hill was quite a success. We are doing business in this little organization for our children. Our next Board goes to Shubuta, Miss. Let us have your children.

D. B. BORDERS, Sec'y.

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EDITORIAL

A very interesting happening occurred at the Lauderdale County Court House on the evening of Sept. 6, at 7:45.

The self-styled Senior Bishop, Socrates A. E. O'Neil, race representative, national evangelist and candidate for future leadership, appeared at the above named place in his self-styled dignity and majesty.

The good Bishop has a good "front" and his manner of approach is very pleasing, especially for the first minute or two. I don't know what the people think of Bishop O'Neil, but those with whom I have conversed concerning him think he is a fake.

The main platform upon which he builds his discussion is "White Supremacy; Southern White people are better to Negroes than Northeners; Anti-Lynching Bill is not Constitutional and all Negro leaders are wholly responsible for lynching."

I believe Bishop O'Neil is a good man, but we have a large number of good but ignorant people. O'Neil poses as a philosopher and a Booker T. Washington No. 2. He says a philosopher is a wise man. If we accept his definition for a philosopher we are compelled to say he is not a philosopher, for he fails to be wise.

If he had been wise he would have selected a corner on the street for his lecture, for I am sure he would have had over 30 or 35 persons to listen at him speak.

O'Neil claims he has never been to school a moment of his life and yet he is running for future leadership. I don't know just the kind of running he means to do, but I think he will do better in a foot race. He is medium in size and if his age does not affect him I believe he will make a creditable showing, with the understanding that he will not compete with any man who has had training in school.

In his lecture he emphasized the fact that the Negro teachers and leaders are solely responsible for lynching. I admit that our people do many things they should not do; they very often violate the moral as well as the legal law, but the Negro is not the only one who violates, by no means. The white man has his share in the moral as well as the legal codes. According to O'Neil's statement, the white man is pure and perfect when it comes to lynching; but that statement is as far from truth as the east is from the west. If he tells the truth on the Negro teachers and leaders I want to know what he is going to do with the white people that are mobbed and lynched. The Negro year-book published at Tuskegee Institute shows a large number of white people lynched each year and all of them are mobbed and lynched by white people. I want the Bishop to inform us as to whether the Negro leaders and teachers are responsible for the lynching of white people or not.

O'Neil told me that he does not mean all he says about the Negro and the whites but he gets good money from the white people to preach the doctrine that he preaches. Somehow I don't believe that, for if it were true, his collection should have exceeded $1.35. He had at least eight or ten whites to listen at his lecture and it appears to me that one white man should have given more than $1.35. We had one colored person to give 5c of this amount, making a total of $1.30 given by the white friends. A few days ago I asked a white man for a little aid in a church rally; he ran his hands in his pockets and gave me two one-dollar bills and he said he considered that a small amount. I got more out of one statement than O'Neil got from his widely advertised lecture. Friends, there is something wrong with O'Neil.

Any man who sacrifices a principle for the dollar is nothing but a traitor, a jelly fish, a regular pussy-foot. It may be that O'Neil is an asset to the Negro race, but I consider him as a great drawback.

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He claims that he is getting lots of money from our white people, but somehow I don't believe it. I believe he is in a state of hallucination and he should be pitied. If he were not he would not have said some things he did say about our women people.

The white man will die for the women of his race; he will go the last notch for them, and why should he not do it? I believe it is right for all men to take a stand for womanhood. No race can rise above its women.

We regret very much to see and know that the Bishop has had such an illusion. I felt as if he was suffering with such, and that was my reason for going to the lecture.

Friends, beware of the deluded Bishop who is now standing at the back door of youth and the threshold of old age, a man who is greatly suffering because of mental myopia.

Mrs. Will Whitehead has been on the sick list for some considerable time. She is now in Jackson, Miss. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

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Mrs. Julia Green, the mother of Rev. E. F. Young, has been very sick for the past month. We hope she will be up in a few days.

Rev. R. L. Young and his members had a splendid service on the second Sunday. They had a little rally and raised $25.51. Rev. N. A. Jones preached a grand sermon at 11 A. M.

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Prof. H. M. Ivy, the new Superintendent of the Meridian Public Schools, carefully looked over the Negro school record of the past years and compared it with the present record. He found that the past record of Negro educable children was superior to the present record. Prof. Ivy began to inquire as to whether the exodus had carried them away or whether it was mere carelessness of our leaders. Therefore he called a meeting a few days ago and asked a few representative Negro citizens to meet at the Wechsler High School. He wished to have them discuss with him some matters pertaining to the welfare of the colored schools in Meridian.

The city teachers took the census in May, which showed that there were only 4900 Negro children. It was finally agreed that some of the teachers would retake the census for the benefit of the Negroes who had moved in the city since May. Those selected were: Misses Roby, Hines, Scott and White, Prof. Harris and Waters.

These faithful teachers accepted this task with love and care for humanity. It means more efficient teachers, better buildings for all school purposes. Let us crowd the schools with our children, for preventing illiteracy is one thing, eradicating it is another. Our schools today are preventing illiteracy tomorrow, but it is up to us to help eradicate that which already exists. Let us call the citizens together with the teachers in the school houses and see what can be done to make our school districts a model for the city. Communicate with other organizations in our city and state and find out how they go after the uneducated Negro; exchange experiences; cooperate; work together for better citizenship, for the children of today are the citizens of tomorrow.

MISS E. V. HINES, Reporter.

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Mr. Adam Killin of H. B. A. No. 139 was at our office a few days ago. Professor Buckley secured a yearly subscription from him for The Echo.

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THE CLOSING OF THREE SUCCESSFUL BOARDS

The three H. B. A. Boards that have just closed were considered to be the best in the history of the H. B. A. On October 1st, we were at Magee, Miss., a place where the Board had never been held. Brother W. J. Rawlins, local president of our lodge at Magee, made it very pleasant for us. His good members responded to his call. Some of us did not care to leave. The Editor remained for night service and was asked to preach for the good people. Our service was good, also the collection was very good. The good white people of Magee who were present seemed to have enjoyed the service very much. Some of them showed their appreciation of the service by paying 50c each.

The Echo went like "hot skits," Prof. Buckley took in about $35.00 worth of subscriptions. That speaks well for The Echo, the little paper must be worth while.

I am also proud to say that four-fifths of the lodges responded to the 25c call for the publication of their report and other matters for the quarter. No lodge was compelled to pay, but the response was great. Many thanks to president and members who gave such hearty response.

To be fair to all, I think I should thank the presidents and members who failed to respond. All of us do not agree upon all subjects and I feel that this matter should to a large degree be decided upon by the local lodges.

Again this response shows that our people are willing and ready to help a young man who is just out of school with an ambition to do something for his people as well as for himself. Friends, if we fail to help the young Negro, what will our race amount to? The old cannot live always; the old men and women were once boys and girls and if they have attained any heights whatever, they had to start while young; again they were helped.

If I can only get the cooperation of the good people success is ours. I have no fears for the future. I believe the people have the confidence in me and my motto is to prove worthy.

On October 3rd we were at the old historic spot, Zion Hill. President Chappell and his good members put it on strong; well, in fact, No. 2 is known to pull off such stunts. We did not know just what disposition to make of all the food that was brought out for the delegates, so we ate all we could and left the balance.

To Macon on the 4th was the slogan and early in the morning cars were in route for the new place where the Board had never been held. It is useless to say what Brother H. B. Black and Brother J. M. Moore did to make it pleasant for us, since that seems to be a common characteristic of both of them. We delight in visiting the homes of such men. Look out, we are coming again.

The following is the report from No. 3:

	Dues	Death Claims
No. 57	$19.50	$40.25
No. 52	2.72	5.50
No. 58	3.24	7.00
No. 62	5.52	5.50
No. 66	.96	2.25
No. 77	1.68	5.55
No. 148	2 38	5.00
R. D. Dunlap, total		5.68
No. 75	.84	1.75
No. 74	1.68	3.75
No. 137	1.44	3.60
No. 76	3.84	8.25
No. 80	4 20	9.00
No. 82	8.68	8.68
No. 92	1.20	2.75
No. 94	.96	2.00
No. 95	7.08	15.00
No. 138	.72	1.75
No. 99	.84	2.00
No. 105	2.64	5.75
No. 108	3.72	8.00
No. 116	1.32	3.00
No. 119	5.26	11.00
No. 120	2.16	4.25
No. 122	4 44	9.50
No. 130	2.52	5.50
No. 131	1.08	2.50
No. 132	1.32	3.00
No. 133	3.96	8.50
No. 141	1.80	4.00
No. 143	1.08	2.50
No. 144	.60	1.50
No. 145	3.00	6.50
No. 146	2.16	4.75
No. 219	1.68	3.75
No. 118	1.68	3.75
No. 63	3.24	7.00

NO. 1 REPORTED AS FOLLOWS

	Dues	Death Claims
No. 1	$ 6.22	$35.36
No. 4	8.88	31.00
No. 5	1.86	9.52
No. 6	1.44	8.84
No. 8	2.04	12.24
No. 9	9.32	50.36
No. 13	4.68	27.20
No. 17	4.20	23.80
No. 18	2.26	12.92
No. 20	6.12	35.36
No. 21	6.36	36.72
No. 22	7.08	40.80
No. 28	7.06	39.12
No. 31	2.76	17.32
No. 36	4.44	25.84
No. 43	1.28	6.80
No. 45	1.92	11.56
No. 51	5.28	30.60
No. 59	3.96	23.12
No. 60	3.72	21.76
No. 67	3.60	21.08
No. 69	7.32	42.16
No. 72	6.58	37.40
No. 150	2.64	15.64

NO. 2 REPORTS AS FOLLOWS

	Dues	Death Claims
No. 11	$ 2.38	$ 13.60
No. 139	2.28	13.60
No. 19	21.44	121.04
No. 35	3.96	23 12
No. 134	3.00	17.68
No. 111	2.52	14.96
No. 54	2.64	15.64
No. 50	3.36	19.72
No. 117	1.86	10.20
No. 136	2.26	12.92
No. 84	3.72	21.76
No. 147	3.10	17.68
No. 114	.24	2.04
No. 112	.96	6.12
No. 113	2.28	13.60
No. 93	5.16	29.92
No. 30	4.80	27.88
No. 33	8.04	46.24
No. 104	.46	2.72
No. 42	4.44	25.84
No. 24	5.16	29.92
No. 101	4.56	26.52
No. 89	5.46	29.92
No. 29	4.20	24.48
No. 32	7.40	41.48
No. 61	4.08	23.80
No. 98	3.34	19.04
No. 100	2.16	12 92
No. 27	4.56	26.52
No. 56	2.76	16.32
No. 96	5.04	29.24
No. 39	8.28	47.60
No. 79	4.68	27.20
No. 64	10.01	60.84
No. 25	3.48	20.40
No. 110	6.48	37.40
No. 121	3.84	23.44
No. 15	8.96	50 32
No. 129	3.12	18.36
No. 135	2.04	12.24
No. 137	2.76	16.32
No. 70	5.70	31.28
No. 53	4.80	27.88
No. 68	7.58	40.80
No. 125	2.04	12.24

It will be noted that we are not publishing the reports of the lodges that did not pay for publication, therefore, we raised more money than the above reports show. In No. 3 we paid one representative $215.13 and today I am sending him a check for $20.00 more that has been

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NOTICE TO ALL LOCAL LODGES

All the H. B. A. Boards went on record as being in favor of purchasing an H. B. A. Building. We have 150 local lodges that make up the three Boards. We had only six persons out of this number to vote against this great program.

The amount agreed upon in each Board was 25 cents for the first payment and then 10c per member per quarter. This only amounts to 55c per year. The general president is asking each local president to cooperate with us in this great drive. It will be an easy matter if the presidents desire to do so, to collect the 55c in the beginning and then you will be done for the year. We want to urge each member to pay his 55c at once and this will give us less work to do. Don't you think it will be better on all concerned to do this? No one is compelled to pay all at once but we suggest that this be done if you desire. Each lodge is requested to make its report not later than Nov. 15th. We hope all members understand that this is an assessment put on by the body and each member is expected to pay his share. In a few days there will be report blanks in the hands of all the local presidents and these blanks carry the same significance as the death claim and quarterly reports carry. Every person who is a member must see to it that his name appears on the blank and the amount he pays must show on the blank. If he fails to pay his name must appear on the blank. We are asking each president to be cautious and see to it that the name appears on the blank. We are proud to know that some of the presidents have already collected their amounts. If any member fails to pay the assessment, whenever he takes a notion to renew, he must pay this claim before he can be recognized as a member in good standing. Any member who fails to pay on or before the 15th of November is not entitled to a doctor or any other assistance from the H. B. A.

We are confident that all are going to respond to this great move.

The Lauderdale County Negro Fair opens Wednesday and will be in session for three days and nights. This promises to be a great attraction. Each day we have large numbers to come to our office to get information concerning the fair. The parade is to begin at 10 A. M.; we do not mean 9 A. M., but 10 A. M., on the dot. The fair managers are putting forth every effort to make this fair a success. Watch The Star Sunday morning.

The general president visited Pleasant Hill, No. 9 a few nights ago and a big time was had. The people were all proud of the H. B. A. After the installation was over new applications were called for and only fourteen were taken in. Three cheers for No. 9.

Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Williams of this city desire to thank the many friends for their assistance and sympathy shown during the fatal illness of their beloved daughter, Madge, who died Friday, October 5th. The floral offering bespoke profound sympathy on the part of the many friends. The body was laid to rest in Shilo cemetery near the home of our own Dr. Williams. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

A large number of horses and mules are now booked by Mr. J. N. Johnson for the Lauderdale County Negro Fair. The Fair is going to be a great attraction for those who witness the various features.

H. B. A. No. 150 had a grand time a few weeks ago. Bro. S. M. Brookins is the local president. A grand sermon was preached by Rev. Halsel. Mrs. O. Catching and Mrs. D. H. Watson gave grand talks on the work of the H. B. A. The collection raised was $38.76.

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H. B. A. No. 69 had her annual sermon a few weeks ago at St. James M. E. Church. Rev. W. H. Lewis preached a good sermon. Some noble papers were read by Mrs. D. H. Watson, Mrs. M. E. Scott and Mrs. Allice Adams. Mr. E. T. Catching gave an interesting response to the reading of the papers. A collection of $52.90 was raised. Rev. D. H. Watson was master of ceremonies. The members of No. 69 are a loyal set of people and they have a good leader in the person of Brother J. English.

HE IS COMING!—Col. Roscoe C. Simmons is coming to Meridian on Monday, November 5th, 1923, and will speak at the Fair Grounds in the day and at the Court House at night. Get ready, everybody. Tickets will be on sale for same.

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I asked the doctor for a transfer out west;
He said, "No, boy, this place is best."
Then I asked him for a pass;
He said, "No boy, your pulse is fast."
I do not understand such treatment for patients,
But then it's Hospital rules and regulations.

I would go home and there I'd stay
But they'll check me out and cut my pay.
And when I returned to the hospital again
I'll be looked upon as a disobedient man.
I wish I had more information
On Hospital Rules and Regulations.

I would like to know if you think it's fair,
When I tell you about the pajamas we wear
They not fit us like they ought,
They are not long enough to be called long
And they are too long to be called short.
But altho when I ask the nurse for information
She says, "Oh, it's Hospital Rules and Regulations."

The doctor has examined me
And pronounced my case to be T. B.
All right, boys, pull your shirt off,
Take a deep breath, blow it out and cough.
And just as I think it's finishing time,
He says now boys, whisper 99.
I don't understand such examinations
But then it's Hospital Rules and Regulations.

They want the history of your life,
They even ask you about your wife,
Then go on to ask you about your brother,
And then they ask you about your mother.
They just must have that information,
Because it's Hospital Rules and Regulations.

I asked him for home treatment in 1922.
The doctor said that would never do.
And when I told him about my appetite
It was I. Q. S. in the day and C. C's. at night.
I asked the nurse for information,
She said it was Hospital Rules and Regulations.

I am resting twenty-one hours a day.
I eat my meals and hit the hay;
I rest and rest until I tire·
I suppose I'll rest until I expire.
I cannot understand such treatment for patients,
But it's Hospital Rules and Regulations.

I would go ahead and apply for training,
But I'd have to work when it is raining;
And should I disobey the rules,
It means trouble with the school.
And if I ask the counsellor for information
He will say it's Rules and Regulations.

The other day they examined Ray,
And this is what I heard them say,
As he looked up in great surprise;
They asked him about his relatives lives.
Why, all your relatives must be dead;
I have no relatives, only kinfolks, he said.
I cannot understand such examinations,
But it's Hospital Rules and Regulations.

—JOHN W. LOCKETT.

53 Colored People Employed By Colored Business Men

In the last issue of The Echo our business column showed 65 persons employed. We carry in this issue, 53, making a total of 118. It will be noticed that we count the owner as well as those whom he has employed:

T. C. McLain, barber, has 6; W. M. Sutberry, barber, has 3; The Lindsay Studio has 3; Louis Reurick, barber, has 3; Lee Oliver, cafe, has 3; Dr. M. H. Williams, dentist, has 2; Dr. R. F. Spears, M. D., has 10; Sam Lovelady, shoemaker, has 2; Crawford Bros., tailors and cleaners, have 4; Mississippi Life Insurance Company has 17.

Watch the next issue for the business men.

H. B. A. No. 72 had their annual sermon a few weeks ago. Rev. R. L. Young preached the sermon and a good time was had. The collection amounted to $30.90. Rev. D. H. Watson is president of No. 72.

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CLOSING OF THREE SUCCESSFUL BOARDS

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sent to me making a total of $235.13. In No. 1 and No. 2 we made a record that had never been made before. Men and women shook our hands when they were paid off. For nine representatives we raised $2311.00; we paid each one $256.77. The grand total on death claims was $2546.13. Dues raised, $531.63. Grand total dues and death claims $3077.76.

A very interesting subject "We Are Moving on" by Brother G. Roberts has been the center of attraction in the Why Not section. We are sorry we do not have space to publish the article so that our readers might profit thereby.

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Rev. A. T. Keys, a member of lodge No. 76, at Laurel, Miss., departed this life October 11th, after being ill for about four months. He leaves a wife, nine children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He died as he had lived—a workman for the Master. Rev. Keys now sleeps and awaits the coming of the host of H. B. A's. to meet him.

From Mrs. Ella Morrell, H. B. A. No. 76. Laurel, Miss.

Dear Brothers and Friends of the H. B. A.

I want to call your attention to the fact that I am now ready to serve you and to do work for the people and the public whenever you want me. I am proud to say I can properly organize lodges in the State of Mississippi. Write me at 2605, St. John Street, Meridian, Miss. Telephone, call 588. If you need me by long distance, just call me.

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Our football schedule for this season has been very carefully arranged by our director of athletics, Prof. O. C. Twyner, and to foretell any probable outcome, we feel safe in saying that this year shall mark our football superiority, even greater than last year, in the Central Southland of our circuit.

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Mr. Oliver Jackson of Collins, Miss. writes of the death of Mr. Jack Farley. Mr. Farley was ill only a few days. He left a number of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

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NOTICE!

Two of my books were left at some one of the places where the Board was held. If any president or member has found any such books that belong to the Association, please notify me at once and I will send you postage for same, and oblige,

R. L. YOUNG, Gen. Sec'y.

Mr. R. L. Young,
Gen. Sec'y of the H. B. A.
Dear Sir:

After meeting you at the General Board and grasping your hand I hav become greatly interested in you and y work. Allow me to say that you have r arnest and ready support. Since we v at the Board I have added ten mor embers to our lodge No. 120. I am ng the Bond money under separate to the General President. I am als sending 8c to insure the transit of the policies. I am making a big drive in this section for the H. B. A.

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Why Buy an H. B. A. Building?

The most heated and the most interesting question before the H. B. A. Lodges and members today is, "W[illegible] should we buy a building?" W[illegible]ld buy a building because we [illegible]ne. I never care to have too [illegible] to say on any one subject bec[illegible]here is such a thing as being [illegible]gular nuisance. I am compell[illegible] say something in this article t[illegible] will (I believe) be a help to our [illegible] B. A. members.

Th[illegible]s building proposition was brought before the Convention at Hattiesburg in 1922 (July); we decided to buy and the first assessment to be collected was 50 cents per member. Shortly after the assessment was [illegible] we had a large number of deat[illegible] occur and the General Presi[illegible]t together with some of the local Presidents and General Officers, thought it better to postpone the collection until a later date, and that was done. In the last Boards when the matter was brought before the presidents we decided that it would be better to pay 25 cents instead of 50 cents as we first decided upon—that was passed. Now the order is [illegible] for the presidents to collect 25 cents for the first payment and then 10 cents per quarter, this will equal 55 cents per year. If anyone wishes to pay 55 cents to begin with, he may do so, and he is done for twelve mo[illegible]ths.

[illegible]ow, why so much fuss in one or [illegible] little places? The very men who [illegible]hed the building project through [illegible]Iattiesburg are trying to fight it [illegible]n. Why are they doing this? [illegible] reason is that at the Convention [illegible]Iattiesburg a certain set of men [illegible]e told that they should be gen[illegible] officers, such as General Secre[illegible], Treasurer, President and the like. They saw the good then in buying a building. That class of men worked hard from July 1922 up to July 1923. Those of you who visited the Convention at Goodhope know just what went on and those who did not go have heard what was done. Those men who worked and struggled the hardest fell the hardest. I mean those who were trying to obtain an office. A certain good man was running for a higher position than the one he already had and he saw the tide was against him and he had to "back track" and ask for the same office.

This same class, with possibly the exception of one, has been keeping up a confusion ever since. Some of them claim that if the building is bought the deeds will be made in such a way that the General President or his heirs will come in possession of it. I want to know what president believes that? What general officer believes it? Do you mean to tell me that out of 152 local presidents, plus the general officers, that these men do not know how to purchase a building and have the deeds made in such a way that no one man or no set of men can come in possession of it? I will answer—They know it can be done but they think they can bluff their way through, but brother, it takes just a bit more than bluff.

A certain president who resides in the city said if we buy the building we will probably lose eight or ten hundred members. My answer was, if they just will not go we can afford to lose them. He replied "We just cannot afford to lose them, I am crazy about the town folks, my living comes from the town folks, and in fact the brains of the Association are in town." I told him that I liked all, both town and country, but the brains of the Association are not in town, but the fuss of the Association is right in a certain section of Meridian and that fussing set ought and must be put out of business if we expect to succeed. These men, I don't mean all of the town folks, are trying to poison the minds of the good people of the country, and the good ones of the city, so far as that goes, but all of them are going to have me to deal with. If you are right, I am with you, and if you are wrong, I am with you to help get you right or help get you out.

A member from the country who has already paid her 25 cents, said that some of the good people of the city told her they were not going to pay, "You just let the President and Secretary fool you, you don't have it to pay." Listen, please, if you don't mind the other fellow is going to fool himself, all I ask you to do is watch him.

If the brains of the Association are in town, with all due respect to the boasting set of the city, please tell me what great document have they brought forth that the Association is now prospering because of its presentment? Don't understand me to say that all of the people in the city are members of the fussing class, for as a matter of fact we have some good presidents and members in the city, but they have a hard time trying to be good because the "fusser" is always visiting the good folks. It is also wise to remember that there are a few bad eggs in the country.

We are going to see to it that the H. B. A. Association is properly cared for, all of the members who

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We regret very much to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. L. R. Echols. Mrs. Echols is the wife of brother L. R. Echols, president of H. B. A. No. 49, Columbia, Miss. The news comes to us that one or her legs may have to be amputated. Our sympathy goes out for her and family.

Mr. Ed Jackson, a member of H. B. A. No. 19, lost his wife a few days ago. She was a member in good standing.

All presidents who have lost members and their names do not appear on the death list will please send the notice in at once.

A certain young man fell out of his bed a few nights ago. After being on the floor for a while he asked his brother not to take all the cover.

Miss R. M. C. wishes to notify Mr. S. P. K. through The Echo that she will make a good house wife. She has quite a bit of experience in washing and ironing, especially. She can't cook, but she can make enough money to hire a cook.

Miss E. V. asked Miss A. C. R. which would she prefer, a one-arm husband or a one-leg. "Oh, give me a one-arm husband every time." "Which would you prefer?" "I prefer a one-leg." "Why?" "Well, you see whenever it rains I can track him by his "peg" and when it's dry I can hear the "peg."

Mr. J. B. asked a certain young lady if he might kiss her on her right cheek. She replied "no." "May I kiss you on your left?" "No." "Well, Miss, where and how must I kiss you?" "Sir, you may linger between the two cheeks."

A certain young man who has a medium size foot was asked what size shoe did he wear. He replied, "Well, I wear nines and tens," his friend replied, "and elevens and twleves."

A young man was getting ready to call on Miss M. C. B. He shined one shoe and stopped to comb his hair. When he was through he was so tired that he forgot to shine the other. He paid no attention to it until he was seated in the parlor.

Mr. Editor:

I wish to report that Sister Julia Green, a member of No. 16, died Oct. 21, 1923. She was a faithful member of our lodge and of Newel Chapel C. M. E. Church. She died in full triumph of faith. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss. She now sleeps, but it is a blessed sleep. Life is a voyage. The stay is very brief, it vanishes like the sun. Life is a flower that comes forth in the morning and in the evening is cut down. We have lost Sister Green, but she is heaven's gain.

Yours in the H. B. A.,
MRS. HATTIE JONES,
President No. 16.

Rev. R. L. Young:

I am glad to be a member of the H. B. A. I can say for a truth that the H. B. A. is the best society in our section. It matters not what the people say, I expect to stay in the H. B. A., if she dies I am going to die with it, and if it does not die I am going to die in it.

Our president, Brother B. J. Williams, is a worthy man. He believes in doing business on the square. My people saw fit to elect me as treasurer, and I shall do my b[illegible] rove worthy of the position.

Yours in the H. B.
MARY M. HOL[illegible]
Lumberton,
(Gum Pond R. R. [illegible]on.)

The following members ha[illegible] died since the last Board:

Ed Harris, No. 48;
Sallie Shark, No. 19;
Mose Davis, No. 59;
Rev. A. T. Keys, No. 76;
Eliza Simmons, No. 65;
Luella Hopkins, No. 33;
Aserlene Jackson, No. 19
James Harris, No. 19;
Julia Green, No. 16;
Bethenia Wilson, No. 1.

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want to go must be cared for, no member who wants to go, who desires to pay for the building, should be left behind. All of those who want to go, we want them to go and will help them to go, but the fellow who says he does not and will not go, he will not pay, just let him get out. It is a known fact if any member fails to pay the assessment he is out. It will be useless to send the names of any person who dies to me if he has not paid the 25 cents, for that person is not in good standing.

The order was a bit late in getting to the presidents, and some have asked for more time and we have granted it. They say their members will pay, but they did not know it in time. It was right that those persons have a little more time. There is one class of members who say they have the money to pay but they are not going to pay yet. That class is out after the 15th of November. If any president has members who want to go but could not pay because they were not notified in time, you may give that member until the 25th of November, or, in other words, give him time to get it in. Of course you know it does not take a man a month to get up 25 cents.

I asked each president to go according to the instruction in the paper and not according to the report blank. The blank says at the next Board, but you are to send this money in at once for it is due on the 15th of November.

A certain member in the city swore that he and his family were not going to pay one cent on the building, but God saw fit to take his loving wife before the order was given to collect and now he says he has changed his mind and he was the first person to pay. It may be that God will visit some more homes. We know not but when He calls we must answer to the roll, prepared or unprepared, paid or unpaid.

I have been Secretary of the H. B. A. for more than seven years. I was an agent for three or four years. Therefore I have been working in the H. B. A. for more than ten years. The H. B. A. was going forward before I was connected with it, if I should get out or die, that does not mean that the H. B. A. is going to die. I will be missed it is true, but God could give us another man to take my place and it could be that he could fill it better than I. Then the life of the H. B. A. depends solely upon no one man. Why will this rule not apply to those presidents and members who want to quit? My answer is, it will apply to the last one of you, and brother, the sooner you quit the better for you.

I am proud to say that a large number of the lodges have made their reports, everything looks good and if no more report, brother, we are gone.

It may be that some of the presidents are too weak to explain the good of buying a building. Some say the Odd Fellows bought buildings, also the Masons, the Pythians, etc., and they went down. That may be true, but should we stop? If these various lodges went down they did not go down because the order and rules were not good, but they went down because the men in them were not sound.

Do you mean to say that if your wife dies you will not marry again? Do you mean to say if your house burns down you will not build an-

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other? Do you mean to say if you lose that Stetson hat you will never buy another? Do you mean to say that you are going barefooted all your life because your wife took your shoes and gave them to another man? If the bank in which your money is deposited goes down, do you mean to tell me that you will not put money in another bank? If your wife quits you, do you mean to say that you would not marry any more? If you pay 50 cents for your dinner and it makes you sick, so much so that you are compelled to get the doctor, do you mean to say that you will eat no more dinners? Babies stop because of failures, but men make failures stepping stones to success.

One more thought and I'm done. With the rapid speed that is had in the H. B. A. it will be impossible for 12 cents dues to run the Association. In a few years it will take more than 25 cents per quarter to run the H. B. A. If we purchase a building the income or rent coming from this property will go a long way in running the financial side of the Association. Some people want to know what good will they get out of the building. If you will just think a bit you will be able to work out the good for yourself. Some of our folks are not able to think and work out the good of a building therefore they want the General President to come and tell them all the good that will come to them. Some say they are not going to get any money out of it; that is true, and no one else directly, but indirectly, all of us will get something. How much cash does a man get out of buying hair combs and the like for his wife? He enjoys seeing her look nice, but he gets no cash for it. I hope no member or lodge will be expecting cash money from the building for I hardly think you will get it. It is time for the Negroes of Meridian to get together and have one cooperative business.

My motto is, "forward march." We have a few stumps in the way, but don't give up, put a big stick of dynamite under them and blow them up by the roots and then we will be able to till this H. B. A. soil without any trouble.

Yours for the good of the H. B. A.,
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NOTICE!

The H. B. A. Boards will meet about the 26, 27, and 28 of December if no further changes occur. No. 3 meets at Bay Springs, Miss.; No. 1 meets at Shilo, nine miles southeast of Meridian; No. 2 meets at Daleville, Miss. In the next issue we will give all the necessary information concerning the Boards.

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THANKSGIVING

Simple and frugal though our fare may be, the causes and occasions for Thanksgiving are as numerous and evident as are the sources of beneficence and love.

However much we may be reminded of the duty of thanksgiving for the generous supply of the material things we possess, we do well to keep at the center of our complex consciousness as individuals the obligation of thankfulness for Him. The deeper significance of that familiar refrain of the Hebrew Poet must not elude us: "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; For His mercy endureth forever."

The significant, superb fact of moral consciousness is the existence of God. It is for this, first, that our thanks should be raised. That God is means more than what He does or gives. There is not in all the data of human consciousness one fact quite so reassuring as is the concept of God with all its implications for us and our universe. Since what God does and gives, as perceived by us, is only a mere fragment of the total values involved in His existence, in His Being.

O, give thanks unto the Lord; for He is. O, give thanks unto the Lord; for He does. O, give thanks unto the Lord for He gives. The ground of our thanksgiving, His goodness to us, is in the fact of His Being, rather than in His doing and giving.

Likewise is this true in reference to our Nation and to the Nations. That God is means infinitely more for the distressed nations than do His gifts and doings.

Herein lies the hope of the Nations, and our hope: God, as we know Him, is. And in infinitely richer fullness than we can possibly apprehend Him, God is—humanity's hope.

—Advocate.

LOOK, LOOK, AND READ!

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Big Mississippi Mock Conference Rally came off Dec. 2, 1923.

The reports were as follows:

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Mr. Jas. A. Lagrone, $11.00.

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This Conference started off with some fear as the Bishop was just a boy in this office, but he is one of those boys that will undertake a big job in the name of God and at his command each District Superintendent and Pastor stepped off and as a result Old Haven's colors are flying she having the distinction of being the first church in the District if not in the Conference to pay all claims.

MR. JAS. A. LAGRONE, Bishop.
J. D. WHEATON, Pastor.

The H. B. A. Board of No. 3 will meet at Bay Springs, Miss., on December 26th, 1923. Rev. G. W. Arnold, president.

No. 1 will meet December 27th at Shilo Baptist Church, nine miles southeast of Meridian. Sigmon Williams, president, No. 17.

No. 2 will meet December 28th, six miles southwest of DeKalb, Miss., 25 miles from Meridian, at New Hope Methodist Church. Rev. Jiles Adam, Pastor. C. A. Neely, president, No. 113.

DEATH NOTICE

No. 3 will please collect 12c dues and 63c death claims, total 75c, per member. The following are to be paid off in No. 3:

Hattie Bell Berry, No. 92;
Rev. A. T. Keys, No. 76;
T. A. Baurns, Carson, No. 63.

No. 1 will collect 12c dues and $1.13 death claims, total $1.25 per member, for the following:

Ann Allen, No. 51;
Willie McDonald, No. 15;
Alex Hurd, No. 40;
Ed Harris, No. 48;
Mose Davis, No. 59;
Bethenia Wilson, No. 1;
Eliza Simons, No. 65;
Luella Hopkins, No. 33.

No. 2 will please collect 12c dues, and $1.13 death claims, total $1.25, per member for the following:

E. L. J. Stokes, No. 136;
Julia Green, No. 16;
T. B. Botney, No. 98;
C. B. Copton, No. 98;
Sallie Sharp, No. 19;
Aserline Jackson, No. 19;
James Harris, No. 19;
Buck Perryman, No. 19.

Miss Mehalia Jones of Russell, Miss., was married to a Mr. Hines a few nights ago. They will make their home in Meridian.

Roland Hayes who recently sang with the Boston Symphony scored an amazing triumph in singing "Go Down Moses" and "By and By." He was encored times without number.

More than 2,000 persons made their pilgrimage to the tomb of Booker T. Washington on the eighth anniversary of his death, and covered the tomb with the choicest flowers.

—Advocate.

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For the benefit of those who may be interested in the great progressive move that the loyal H. B. A.'s have begun in purchasing some H. B. A. property, I wish to state that the various lodges have sent in already about eight hundred ($800.00) dollars. Allow me to congratulate all concerned for their loyal and unstinted support. At one time the water was a bit muddy and the clouds were thick and heavy; the winds were blowing heavily, but out of all the Lord has brought us safely through.

The loyal followers of the H. B. A. and those who even stand on the outside, feel that the General President, Rev. E. F. Young, is a safe leader and will spend his last bit of energy for the good of his people.

No greater step has ever been taken by our folks. The watch word of all good thinking people today is, "let's have a home of our own."

The Presidents and members who had the moral courage to stand the storm were singing, with courage, "We Shall Anchor by and by."

R. L. YOUNG, Sec'y.

Prof. A. Buckley reports great progress for district No. 3. He reports 82 new members added to one lodge at Laurel, Miss. A new lodge has been organized at Warsaw Camp; one at Sylvarena, Miss.; one at Philadelphia; one at Burnside; one at Sturges and great prospects at other places. More than 150 new members have been added in the last 30 days. He reports that number 3 is doing her best for the H. B. A. Building and this statement can be verified by the General Secretary, practically every lodge in No. 3 has reported.

Prof. Buckley says he is doing his best to add 1,000 new members to the Association by March 1st, 1924.

No. 3 is growing by leaps and bounds, up to this time she has paid more on any one death than either of the other districts.

The East Mississippi Baptist State Convention which convened at Philadelphia, Miss., a few days ago, was quite a success spiritually and financially. Rev. S. S. See, president; Rev. A. L. Perkins, Vice-President; Rev. M. J. Barlow, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Graham announce the marriage of their daughter, Estella, to Rev. Roy L. Young, on Wednesday, the nineteenth of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, at seven-thirty in the evening, Carson, Mississippi. At home after December 19th, Meridian, Miss., 1412 13th Avenue.

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The South Mississippi Annual Conference of the C. M. E. Church met at Crystal Springs, Miss., November 21, 1923. It goes without saying, the conference was a success. Bishop J. W. McKinney, D. D., L. L. D., of Sherman, Texas, presided over the conference with great dignity and to the satisfaction of all concerned. The Bishop and his beloved wife are in the hearts of all Mississippians.

It may be of interest to know that Rev. S. E. Gibson comes back to Meridian for his sixth appointment. Rev. E. B. Blackman of Bassfield is P. E. of the Meridian District. Rev. W. M. Wadkins goes back to the Good Hope Circuit. Rev. E. G. Cole goes to Zion Hill and Meridian.

Rev. R. L. Young goes to Mt. Olive and Magee. Dr. H. B. Leach goes to Lynch St., Jackson, Miss., Dr. D. M. Montgomery, A. B., B. D., of M. I. College and Paine College, goes back to the Gloster District. Rev. Thomas Sanders, D. D., goes back to the Jackson District.

The Stringer Grand Lodge of the State of Mississipp is now in session at Gulfport, Miss.

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JOKES

Hambone says "All preachers is flicted with the word 'go.' "

A certain young lady was asked why she had more than one correspondent? Her reply was, "Some nights one works late, the other is sick and another is out of town and by having three or four I am never lonesome. I can only say, while these retire, let others come."

A certain young minister, after learning of the successful rally of Rev. J. D. Wheaton last Sunday, went to the parsonage in the rain to borrow a little change Monday morning.

The Rev. R. L. Young being aware of the fact that the time is near at hand when he shall be led as a sheep to his shearer and as a lamb to the slaughter by his wife, is taking advantage of the few remaining days by filling every engagement that comes in car reach of him.

REV. J. D. WHEATON.

The wife of Rev. J. D. Wheaton is the "baby child" of the family. Rev. Wheaton says she is getting worse, she is more of a baby now than she was when he found her looking for him.

A fine baby girl was born to Bishop and Mrs. R. E. Jones on Tuesday evening, November 20th. Mother and baby are doing well.

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Who on the soil of France gravely fought and bled;—
Sleep! Sleep!

When grim and grewsome War took its terrific toll
And grey Grief filled the heart with sorrowing of soul,
He answered then the call of the world for Freedom's right.
Sleep, little son! Good-night.

Shade of my dead! Oh warrior one!
Watch from your realm upon our little son.
Teach him that you died that all might rise and run;
Watch! Watch!

Make for him a place in the world's new March of Man;
And be, oh spirit fine, his leader in the van.
Ah, grant dear husband mine, your sad wife's fond request;
Rest, warrior one! Then rest!

Sleep, little son! Sleep, little son!
I pray your Living Lord that victory is won;
That all the daring deeds by our dear soldier done—
Deeds done—

Up to the throne of God will rise in surging Throngs,
Holding high hands to Heav'n to right a Race's wrongs.—
Mind not, my darling son, your mother's eyes that weep:
Sleep, little son! Now sleep!

—Crisis.

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Keep me from automatic rule and petty thought.
With lips all prayerful let me drink from Nature's chalice the spirit of the mountains' patience,
The tenderness of night, the changing beauty of the sea and sky.
The impartial justice of the sun,
The life-renewing vigor of the rain.
Grant me the courage-blade to carve through prejudice and propaganda,
Revealing false doctrine not four-square with the great Master's Brotherhood of Man.
(Yea, and the Sisterhood of Woman, long delayed.)
Protect me from the academic blight of theory unapplied
And from the paralytic touch of habit that benumbs creative power.
Give me the philisophic sweetness which is akin to that of simple folk.
Make each day to be a great and joyous venture with young souls—
Those acolytes and priests of the New Order for which so many millions died.
Arouse me that I may unbind Prometheus
From rocks of cruelty and greed and tribal gods.
Grant that I, the teacher, may stand firm in this so perilous and sacrificial leadership of youth.
O God of Peace, Love, and Universal Salvation,
Create in me a clean and contrite heart,
Kindle my mind with the undying flame,
Bestow upon my tongue the Pentecostal power,
That I, thy prophet of a fairer world,
May see it safely born to prove Thy word.

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NOTICE

The General President asks that all reports for the H. B. A. building be in hand before the sitting of the Board. No reports on the building are to be received at the Board because we will have as much as we can do otherwise. He also extends the time, since so many desire a little more time in order to make a full report. Death reports will be sent to every lodge and each president is requested to collect death claims and dues.

R. L. YOUNG, Sec'y.

THE ECHO

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HOW TO READ THIS ARTICLE

Before I begin this discussion which I think is very timely I should like to advise the many readers just how to read it. Some of my good friends are not so well pleased with me because of my attitude and a certain stand that I have taken concerning the purchase of some H. B. A. property. Some think I have personated, some think I have been too frank and outspoken; some think that if the law says you are out if you fail to comply with certain requirements, I should not put that in my paper. They want "sugar and honey" and a little molasses on the law, especially when they don't want to comply.

This article should be read in the manner of Rev. M. S. Knott's explanation of a letter from a son to his father and mother. The letter was as follows:

"Father, I am away from home, hungry and barefooted. Send me some money at once; let me know if you are going to do it."

This letter was read with anger, and with a demanding tone. The father got angry and said that he would send him nothing—"the little rascal has gotten above himself." The next day the mother told him to take the letter to another friend to read. This friend read it with a smile on his face, his eyes were beaming with gladness, it was an obedient child in trouble asking mother and father for help: "Father, I am away from home, hungry, and barefooted, send me some money at once, let me know if you are going to do it." The father sprang to his feet with tears in his eyes and said, "My poor boy is asking his mother and father for help, and we must help him." It was the same letter, but a different person with a different tone was reading it.

As a general officer, I am not canvassing the H. B. A. Field with "stump speeches," neither is the General President, but there is a General officer who is making a mighty dash and he is accompanied by some local officers, but in this article I am only concerned with the general officer. He is putting up a big fight against the H. B. A. Building, and I find it necessary to help him "open the people's eyes," they tell me that is what the people tell him when he is through talking about "Young and his son": "Well, Sir, you have opened our eyes."

In the first place I have known the good brother for more than 12 or 15 years. In a sense he was once my pastor. He is a Baptist and I am a Methodist, but he said God called him to preach and his church was located just a few yards from my home, therefore, he was my pastor. I paid him just as much as the rest of his members. That was no big thing —it was my duty; and no man should be praised for doing his duty. This officer was made an H. B. A. at this particular church, for some cause he moved his membership near his home. He was given the privilege to organize a lodge at his home. Listen, somehow, that lodge DIED DEAD. It is a bit strange, but it died. This good brother being a General Officer, a part of the head, should have been able to have kept it alive, but it *died dead.* Why? I just don't know. This officer picked up his bed and went to town, got in another lodge and it started to die, but somehow he left and went to another lodge, and that saved the lodge. Why? I just don't know.

I have the sad information that the lodge of which he is a member at the present is very sick and it needs the doctor. Why? I just don't know. What is the matter with that MAN? I just don't know. He has been in three or four different lodges. Why? Ask the folks, don't ask him nor me. If the foot gets sore the head should be able to apply the proper remedy.

As a rule a Baptist minister can stay at a church a long, long time, I say as a rule; look at Rev. Flinn, Rev. Davis, Rev. Lee, Rev. Taylor and a number of others. Now there are good, honest Baptist ministers who do not stay at a place long, but they get another place. I am not sure, but I understand that this good man has no church whatever. I shall not be dogmatic in my statements, but they tell me he has no church. If he has, I take the correction in good spirit, but if he hasn't, why? I know he is not too old to preach. Did he resign all of his churches? Why? If the people called another preacher, why? Why is it he can't stay at any place? I just don't know.

The news is being circulated that Young and his son are dishonest with H. B. A. money. Until it is proven to be the truth, it is a ——. Please allow me to call the H. B. A. members' attention to the fact that the Association lost $77.25 a few years ago and this good man should have known and should know now where that money went. A large number of presidents know that the shortage was reported in a certain board but the money was GONE. This General officer has had charge of certain moneys for some time and he should know where every dime goes. I would not dare say that the General Officer got the money. I don't know that, but the money WENT. Some president could have short changed him, but I shall not say it was a fact, but the money WENT. The members of the various lodges have been replacing this money bit by bit until last year when we finished paying it back. It was death claims and the money had to be paid; it was gone

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EDITORIAL

To the many readers and friends of The Echo: We hope for you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

As the holidays are now approaching may we give thanks to God for having spared our lives and we now enjoy the blessings of the Heavenly Master.

There are people, both white and colored, who are not as fortunate as some of us, therefore, let us not forget them. We may not have great gifts to offer, but remember, it isn't the gift, but it is the spirit in which the gift is given.

Do not forget the women and children who cannot provide for themselves. Some will be without food, some without clothes, some without fire and some without shoes. While we enjoy ourselves, let's remember the poor.

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A large number of the presidents have not paid one cent for the paper. The desired information to help you run your lodge for the most part can be found in the paper. I am now compelled to stop sending you the paper unless you pay for it. One red mark indicates the expiration of your subscription, two indicate nothing paid.—Editor.

Rev. R. L. Young, Gen. Sec'y.:

I have much to congratulate you for: First, as a soul winner for Christ, who directs and rules over all; second, as a race leader for the good of our folks, and your loyalty to the H. B. A. It is expanding far and wide. Then the last—you are now on the threshold of a double life and allow me to congratulate you for that. I am certainly glad you are going to bid Prof. A. Buckley a farewell. Ha, ha. Let him look up an old maid, then we will call him handy Dandy.

Yours in the H. B. A.,
B. J. WILLIAMS.

Cheering Her Up

Young wife—"Oh, I am so miserable; my husband has been out all the evening, and I haven't the faintest idea where he is."

Experienced Friend—"My dear, you mustn't worry. You would probably be twice as miserable if you did know."

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and we had to borrow the money to pay the claims. I would not say the Officer has or got the money, but it WENT.

Now, the great question in my mind is this; does he tell the people wherever he goes about this loss of money? This is something that he knows about and it would be a fine thing for us to talk facts, talk of what we KNOW. Now, this other stuff; he just does not know, if he does prove it, if he cannot prove it he has misrepresented the truth if he says Young and his son are not honest with H. B. A. money. Ah, bosh! rats! What is a little money to the hustler? The H. B. A. hasn't enough money, property and members all put together for a good man to lose his good name and reputation. I am wondering why he does not mention a few more facts that he is aware of. Well, I shall give him time. I do not say he is dishonest, but it just makes a fellow feel peculiar when the Devil is being "whipped around the stump."

It is a known fact that the H. B. A. is doing more real work at the present than any organization in the state for our people. Especially so when you figure the cost. Any man who advocates a split in the H. B. A. is less than a man. Let's reason a bit. Let us suppose that the Convention did wrong when it passed on buying a building; is it not right that the officers and all concerned get together and reason? Since the Board scores of presidents and members have been to see the President and Secretary, trying to reason out the best thing to do. That was exactly right. This General Officer and a few of the presidents have not said a word to the president nor the secretary as to how this matter should be settled. Now, listen, don't you readers feel that those persons who were and are not satisfied should have acted better?

The news comes to me that this General Officer, this Christian brother, A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL, proclaimed from the pulpit, a sacred place, that he had his lawyers ready to fight the case, and again they tell me that he said he will suffer his arms to be pulled out by the roots before he would pay 55c. Who believes that? No man in the world, with common sense, would suffer one arm to be pulled out of his body for 55c unless he did not have it and could not get it. But, O my! What think ye of a preacher, a God called minister, having the heart to take the H. B. A., the Negroes' Society, purely a Negro concern, to the white folks?

Friends, have you considered the matter seriously? The H. B. A. being carried to law by a General

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Officer. Can you really conceive of such, when there is no cause whatever? I think the brother should be pittied. We should go to God in prayer for this brother who, no doubt, has been contaminated with nightmares and illusions, who is now possessed with the evil spirits of chaos; who no doubt is plunging in darkness, full of inspiration, aspiration as well as perspiration, seeking a higher office.

What does he mean when he says "I am ready to pull out"? I should think he means that things are now ready, he will be PRESIDENT. In fact, they tell me that he, together with a few others, have organized. HE IS THE PRESIDENT. Friends, don't laugh; he needs to be pitied.

The Negro who is always ready to go to law with our business is no man nohow; he is just a jelly-fish. That class of men will not stand for a Negro to touch him, so to speak, but the white man can knock him down and then step on him and, figuratively speaking, he will say "Boss, did you hurt your fist?"

The white man has the law, the land, the money, and everything else and some of our folks think that the first time things do not go as they desire they should go to law. The H. B. A. has a good reputation, but some of our folks are trying to change it. All of us know that the H. B. A. is a good organization. Well, Heaven was a good place when a certain angel was thrown out. When he left he carried a portion of the angels with him and there has been war on earth ever since. Sherman said "war is hell." Well, I guess the same thing will happen if this angel gets out of the H. B. A. It will be war, war and then what Sherman said——.

Some of the good people say the old man has taken down and we are going to make that boy of his take down. Just as soon as the General body takes down then I take down. If the body says she doesn't want and will not have a building, what else am I to do but take down? If the body says, buy a building, what can the other fellow do? He can buy and stay in or not buy and get out. In other words, he can pay and live or not pay and die. That statement is going to make somebody mad, but read it with a smile.

I have confidence enough in the people to believe that 125 out of 150 would vote for a building tomorrow if they had the chance.

This article is not written with anger, nor with the fighting spirit and I hope the truth and facts will not cause anyone to become angry.

Friends, you have always done what I asked of you. Let me ask you as loyal H. B. A.'s to take this matter to God and pray that no evil befall us; pray that the best thing be done; pray that out of confusion there may be an outpouring of peace and happiness. Pray a special prayer for Meridian and a few others that so greatly stand in need.

Yours for the good and prosperity of the order,

R. L. YOUNG,
General Sec'y.

The H. B. A. Board of No. 3 will meet at Bay Springs, Miss., on December 26th, 1923. Rev. G. W. Arnold, president.

No. 1 will meet December 27th at Shilo Baptist Church, nine miles southeast of Meridian. Sigmon Williams, president, No. 17.

No. 2 will meet December 28th, six miles southwest of DeKalb, Miss., 25 miles from Meridian, at New Hope Methodist Church. Rev. Jiles Adam, Pastor. C. A. Neely, president, No. 113.

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NOTICE

The General President has ordered an extra session of the H. B. A. Convention to be held at Hattiesburg, Miss., Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in January, 1924. All presidents are requested to be present.

All building reports are to be in hand before the Board. No reports are to be received at the Board for the building.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE H. B. A.

Those of you who were due back money for your relatives who were paid off in June will see your president, if I have not sent you the money I have sent it to your president, because I do not have your address.

R. L. YOUNG, Sec'y.